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Press Release

COPA-COGECA REACTS TO EFSA FINDINGS ON IMPACT OF NEONICOTINOIDS ON HONEY BEE HEALTH

Reacting to a new report published today by the EU Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on the theoretical effect of neonicotinoids on bees, Copa-Cogeca said they welcome EFSA's moves to better understand the impact of plant protection products on honey bee health and will study the findings in detail.

Concerning possible measures to introduce in response to the findings, Copa-Cogeca urges, in an initial reaction, the EU Commission to take into account all the monitoring data which was available and which was not taken into account in EFSA's report. Copa-Cogeca is ready to work with the Commission to identify effective risk mitigation measures which could help to limit in practice EFSA's estimated adverse effects of neonicotinoids on honey bee health and at the same time ensure sufficient crop protection to meet growing food demands.

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